

A R A B P R E S S D I G E S T .

P A L A S T I N E F E B . 1 , 1 9 4 8 .

"Affliction of the Arab press during the time
of the government of Neutrality.....!"

Within two days the govt. withdrew the licences of
As-Shaa'b ^{newspapers}. This is the first time licences are
withdrawn, in the past papers were stopped to issue for
some time.....

.....The mandatory power which commits such tyrannical acts
alleges protection of the four freedoms among which is the freedom
of the press; how do you account then for this alleged protect-
ion and these acts ?.....

.....We are sure that writing in this respect is of no use
for the Jerusalem govt. has decided to oppose the Arabs with
utmost enmity; ARJ should contact Arab League to protest against
this kindness.....which the Jerusalem govt. is showing
as sweet remembrance-for her last days between us.....

.....We pray for God to make these days and hours
as short as possible for we cannot bear her existence any
more.....

(Brief account of ed.)

"The war will take place in 1948-this is why
Salah Jaber(Ex-Iraqi premier) signed the treaty with Britain."

Cairo-Jan.31- Akhbar al Youm(an Egyptian daily) published
a sensational item to the effect that Salah Jaber declared that
the British foreign office showed him and his colleagues certain
secret documents which prove that the war will take place
in 1948 and that Russia will attack from three points namely,
1.Greece and Turkey.2.Iran and the Arab East.3.Western Europe.

Shakir al Wadi(Ex-Iraqi min. of defence) is
said to have declared that Britain gave them the first part of
the military supplies provided for in the treaty soon
after the signing of the treaty.

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"We are convinced.....!"

We always try to avoid writing about the preparations
taken to meet the present situation and the more we know the
more careful we become so as to keep the secrets of the
country security.

.....We are sure that our opponents are losing the battle
and that the nature of the situation is not in their favor.

We feel certain that we shall come across difficulties
and losses, that our future shall wave with ebb and tides
but we are sure and certain of the final victory, although
we shall keep on our guards, continue to be ready for sacrifices
of all sorts.....

(Brief account of ed.)

Jerusalem, Feb. 3, 1948.

PALASTIN MARCH 13, 1948.

" Is it the first step ? ? "

Jerusalem-12. We received the following from ANC, writes Palastin:- AHU has been aware of the statement made by the govt.'s spokesman on the International Scheme for the City of Jerusalem; Dr. Khalidi wired the High Commissioner asking whether the said statement and the govt.'s interest in appealing to all parties concerned for cooperation in the a/m scheme, whether this can be considered as a change in the policy of neutrality which the govt. has undertaken to keep, and whether this is an actual step taken by govt. for carrying out partition. ANC is greatly interested in this matter as she thinks that it is a clear violation of the neutral policy concerning the partition scheme and a first step in carrying it out. (Full text.)

"Truman.....Before Justice ! "

By Issa Eff. Sifri

It is a strange title indeed.....and can a great personality like "Truman" who deals with the fate of nations, stand before Justice? And which court of jurisdiction is it that can try the owner of the atomic bomb? But justice, for the reader's information, is of two kinds : 1) Courts where judges sit and 2) Courts of public opinion ; before this court "Truman" stands to-day as accused :

The subject matter of the case is: UN-decision for the partition of Palestine. Partition means sending the Arabs out of their country and giving of same to the Jews for a National Home !

It has been well established that partition was decided on as a result of a conspiracy between the U.S.Govt. represented by "Truman" and the delegates of the countries that supported partition. A decision obtained in this manner does not represent the feelings of the United Nations in the proper sense ! It was obtained through undue influence exercised over the delegates of the said countries from the political and economic points of view. Therefore, It Is Conspiracy !

Conspiracy constitutes a "crime" under section 34 of the Criminal Code Ordinance, (Palestine Criminal Code Ordinance, 1936,wt.). Punishment is : 7 years imprisonment !

This is what ANC pointed out when she refused to cooperate with the Partition Commission. As to the legal punishment of this crime, she(ANC) has left for the world public opinion.....'

(Almost full text.)

" At King Abdullah's Table "

Yesterday Massa al Alami and Dr. Yusef Maikal, mayor of Jaffa, dinned with H.M. King Abdullah, according to Palastin.